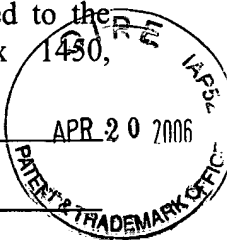


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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated March 16, 2006, the applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the Group I claims, *e.g.*, claims 1-39, drawn to an organic/inorganic composite comprising an organic fluid-swellable, fibrous matrix having an inorganic mineral phase in the form of a liquid phase mineral precursor deposited and absorbed therein.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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